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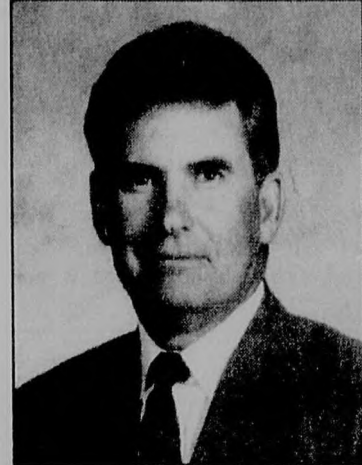
County's voters go with Republican Bush-Cheney Ticket for President

The voter turn-out for the General Election held Tuesday was, according to officials a good one.

According to the Coffee County Board of Registrars, there are 30,402 registered voters in the county; however, 5,859 of them are on the inactive voters list which means they have not voted in the past four to five years.

The percentage of the county's voters exercising their constitutional right was 51 percent (15,499). The "experts" had predicted between 50 to 55 percent of the state's voters would cast their ballots.

Coffee Countians went with George Bush and Dick Cheney for President and Vice President of the United States. They received 9,938 votes while Al Gore and Joe Lieberman received 5,220 votes.



William O. Gammill

In the race for United States Representative, 2nd Congressional Dis-

trict the results were as follows:

Charles Woods(D)3,779
Wallace B. McGahan (L)267
Terry Everett(R)11,037
The following is the unofficial results of how Coffee Countians cast their vote in local races.

Probate Judge of Coffee County:

Gary Watson (D)6,818
William O. Gammill (R)7,997

Circuit Clerk of Coffee County:

Mickey Counts (D)9,109
Anita Metcalf (R)5,658

Coffee County Commission

District 2:

Doug Pittman (D)1,115
Kayo Lewis (R)1,184

Coffee County Commission

District 4:

Doug Dalrymple (D)1,303
Charlene S. Goolsby (R)794

Coffee County Commission

District 6:

Jim Thompson (R)1,446
Randy Lunsford (R)419
R. L. "Len" Averett (L)322

Circuit Court Judge Thomas E. Head, III (D) ran unopposed for Place 1 in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

Also, District Judge of Coffee County Steve Blair (D) ran unopposed.

In the Coffee County Commission races, District 1 Commissioner Linda Westbrook (D), District 3 Commissioner Robert Stephens (D), District 5 Commissioner Bernest Brooks (D), and District 7 Commissioner Tom Grimley all ran unopposed.

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Coffee County Board of Education
District 2:
Rodger M. Harrison (D)870
Annette Griswold (R)325



Mickey Counts

Coffee County Board of Education
District 3:
Stephens S. Hunko (D)934
Kevin Moore (R)914

Board member Rubin McKinnon ran unopposed for the District 5 Seat on the board.

The following is the unofficial results of how local voters cast their votes in the races for Supreme Court Judgeships, Court of Civil Appeals and Criminal Appeals Judgeships.

Chief Justice - Supreme Court:
Sharon Yates (D)5,628
Roy Moore (R)9,115

Justice Place 1 - Supreme Court:
Ralph D. Cook (D)5,915
Lyn Stuart (R)9,135

Justice Place 2 - Supreme Court:
Sydney Albert Smith (L)2,455
Champ Lyons, Jr. (R)8,683

Justice Place 3 - Supreme Court:
John H. England, Jr. (D)8,176
Tom Woodall (R)9,042

Justice Place 4 - Supreme Court:
R. Joel Laird, Jr. (D)5,493



Kayo Lewis

Bernard Harwood (R)8,608

Court of Civil Appeals
Place 1:

Roger M. Moore (D)4,243
Craig Pittman (R)8,992

Court of Civil Appeals
Place 2:
Henry Stogall (D)6,293
John B. Crawley (R)7,706

Court of Civil Appeals
Place 3:
Gene Reese (D)4,732
Glenn Murdock (R)9,699

Court of Criminal Appeals
Place 1:
James H. "Jimmy" Fry (D)830
Greg Shaw (R)7,727

Court of Criminal Appeals
Place 2:
Aubrey Ford (D)5,051
Kelli Wise (R)8,736

Court of Criminal Appeals
Place 4:
Sue Bell Cobb (D)7,008
Alice Martin (R)6,888

In the race of for President of Public Service Commission, Coffee

Countians voted as follows:
Matthew A. Givens (L)1,765
Jim Sullivan (R)9,681

(Note: See Page 3 for the results of how Coffee County voted on the 14 proposed amendments to the Constitution of Alabama)



VETERAN'S DAY is November 11th. See pictures and memories of the WWII battle for Iwo Jima on Page 14. Charles Kennett, of Elba, was a survivor of that bloody battle and recently returned to the island with his wife and some friends.

New Brockton Council meeting lengthy

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The first regular monthly meeting of New Brockton's newly elected council since being sworn in was held Monday evening. It proved to be rather lengthy as compared with past meetings taking just over an hour to go through the agenda.

Mayor Charles Cole started the meeting by recognizing former mayor Britt Lee and council member Linda Gilbert. Both were presented Outstanding Service Awards (plaques) in recognition of their service to the Town of New Brockton during the past administration (1996-2000).

Acting Police Chief Jerry Gilbert was also recognized by Mayor Cole for his recent completion of 8 Continuing Education Units in connection with his law enforcement career.

Lenwood Herron, with Professional Planning, Grant Writing & Project Management, presented to the council for their consideration three grant application proposals.

The first grant application will be for the construction of two walking trails - one will be from the Senior Citizens Center along Vester Cole Street crossing over Johns and Lee Streets and continuing to the high school gym. The other proposed walking trail will be constructed around the town's softball and baseball field complex located just off Al Hwy. 122. This grant will be for up to \$50,000 on an 80-20 matching funds basis with in-kind work being acceptable as matching funds. Included in this application will be a request for funds to repair the bathroom facilities in the town park.

A second grant application will be for equipment (cars, radios, light bars, etc.) to be used for law enforcement by the police department. This grant will be for 90-10 matching funds.

The third grant application has to do with housing rehabilitation and drainage. It is also for 90-10 matching funds and will be applied for in the spring of 2001.

Herron asked for and received the permission of the council to proceed with the application process. The grants will be administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. He also told members of the council that he would be looking in other sources of revenue to be used in making improvements to the town.

Turning to other business matters, the council officially gave its approval, at the request of Mayor Cole, to have Mrs. Annette Williams continue in her duties as town clerk, and named Jerry Gilbert as police chief. Their salaries will be set in accordance with the town's adopted pay schedule.

Mayor Cole reported that the town's finances, at the present time, are in good shape. The ending balance in the general fund as of 10/31/2000 was \$38,665.90. The council voted to pay monthly bills totaling \$22,905.23.

Finally, financially, the council approved the town's balanced budget of \$336,210.00 for FY-2001. The mayor noted that the budget includes a 25¢ per hour raise for all the town's employees.

Speaking as the chairman of the town's water and sewer board, Mayor Cole reported that the town's water supply is in good shape; however, he did encourage all users to continue being conservative. All three of the town's wells are in good working order as are all three of the elevated storage tanks, with a total capacity of 375,000 gallons. "There is no shortage of water," he said.

Police Chief Jerry Gilbert reported that the officers in his department had been busy this past month. Officers investigated a total of 55 different incidences which included three automobile accidents and several arrests. A total of 10 traffic citations were issued. He reported that the fire department

responded to three grass fires and the animal control officer picked up eight stray dogs and transported them to the dog pound in Elba.

Finally, Robert Miles addressed the council and proposed that a Vester Cole Day Celebration be held annually in the Town of New Brockton. The council agreed to take the suggestion under consideration.

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following:

***The town's municipal insurance carrier will be provided through the League of Municipalities. The annual rate will remain fixed for three years, changing only if coverage is increased or decreased.

***Mayor Cole announced that a contract had been signed with Enterprise Rescue Squad Inc. to answer E-911 medical calls in the New Brockton area. The contract is for six months and the county has agreed to subsidize the cost at \$1,000 per month.

***Adopted the policy of adopting the proposed agenda prior to each council meeting.

***Adopted a form to be used by individuals wishing to appear before the council. This form will have to be filed with the clerk on the Thursday prior to the council's meeting on the first Monday of each month (Exceptions to this procedure will be made in special circumstances).

***Joe Sawyer was appointed as the town's attorney.

***The Peoples Bank of Coffee County was selected as the depository of town funds.

***Named Barbara Herron and Nancy Wise to the newly formed Public Affairs and Advisory Board.

***Rejected the lone bid of \$250 for the old trash truck. The bid was submitted by Bobby Eubanks.

NOTICE

Elba's Annual Christmas Festival and Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having a unit in the parade is urged to contact Jimmy Harrison at the Briar Patch (897-8591), or evenings at 897-2055. Parade categories include: float; decorated vehicle, walking/marching unit, equestrian unit. Each category will be judged and ribbons awarded to the top three units in each category. Deadline to enter the parade is Nov. 20, 2000.

County schools' construction going well

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

This month's Coffee County Board of Education's meeting held last Thursday evening was short and to the point. The meeting agenda was short and consisted of only six items of business.

Board members were given an update on the on-going construction projects on the three county schools' campuses by a representative of the county's architectural consultants.

They were told that construction is "progressing very well" and that the contractor, First Team Construction, "has gotten off to a really good start." At this point, the total project is about 15 percent complete with site preparation underway at Zion Chapel for the construction of the new computer lab. At the new classrooms are up four to five feet and the back-fill on the inside has begun. The installation of the veneer brick on the two buildings at Kinston is almost complete. They are very close to doing what is called a "punch list" - looking for any items that need to be addressed before finalization of the project.

Turning to other business, Superintendent Rodger Bowden brought before members Board Policy BBEE-Compensation which was presented at the last board meeting. He told them that if an increase in the compensation received by board members was going to be considered and/or enacted - it had to be done at this meeting prior to any new board member taking office.

Board Chairman Charles Walker pointed out to board members that the state legislature had, this year, passed a bill which was signed by Governor Don Siegelman authorizing the increase in compensation paid to city and county board members. The bill allows for payment of up to \$600 monthly in compensation to board members for their service.

A motion was made by Harold Carroll that "ya'll get paid better" upping the monthly compensation to the maximum of \$600. It was



Pictured above are (l-r) Supt. Rodger Bowden, Boardmember Ben Amlong, Boardmember Harold Carroll, and Board Chairman Charles Walker

seconded by board member Ben Amlong. Both Carroll and Amlong will not be returning to the board for another term. Carroll chose to not seek re-election and Amlong was defeated in his bid for re-election in the Democratic Primary. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

There will be two new board members joining the remainder of the board members on the first Thursday in December. They will all be sworn in at that time.

The next order of business was to elect officers of the board which did not take long. Both Charles Walker and Danny Jernigan were unanimously re-elected to serve as chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the new board.

The superintendent had only one personnel matter for the board's consideration which was the resignation of Mark Coale, a teacher and coach at Zion Chapel. He will be accepting an assistant principal's position with another system. The board accepted the resignation effective December 1, 2000.

Finally, out-going board members Harold Carroll and Ben Amlong were recognized for their service on the board.

"I want to personally thank both of them for the support they have given me and the leadership provided for this school system," said Supt. Bowden.

Area Happenings

FALL FESTIVAL Elba Elementary School's PTO-sponsored Fall Festival will be held Thursday (TONIGHT), Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. The festival will be held in the school cafeteria, gym and classrooms. Everyone is invited to come enjoy food, games and fun.

VETERANS TO BE HONORED Elba Elementary School invites all veterans in the community to attend a Veteran's Day Program on Thursday (TONIGHT), Nov. 9, at 8:15 p.m. The program will be held at Elba Elementary School and will honor those who have served or are currently serving the country.

HOLIDAY CLOSING The City of Elba offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be standby crews to handle any emergencies with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule is unchanged. The Town of New Brockton will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day. Emergency services will be available.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, November 13, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

What was, at least to us, an Internet joke has actually confused some voters. The copy forwarded to us by a lawyer friend from Montgomery noted that a large turnout of voters forced officials to split the voting. This friend had the version which suggested that Republicans vote on Tuesday and Democrats vote on Wednesday. Others had the voting party reversed for each day. The theme of the above is as old as the hills, but apparently being on the Internet made it legit to some folks. Of course one editorial comment was that anyone who was fooled by such an e-mail probably didn't have enough sense to vote with any intelligence anyway! Well, we will not go that far, but will say it was a surprise to hear that anyone put any credence in the joke.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce held "Pumpkins on the Square" for the first time last Tuesday night (Halloween) and it was a rip-roaring success. This Tuesday had families celebrating the occasion and taking advantage of the free goodies given out by participating merchants. A salute to the Chamber folks for their foresight and work on this project.

Anticipating a lot of trick-or-treaters downtown last Tuesday evening, we bought up some candy for passing out to children, young and old, who came by as we put the finishing touches on the latest edition of *The Elba Clipper*. However, all the folks were on the square and only the spillover crowd who parked around the square and taking advantage of the free goodies given out by participating merchants. A salute to the Chamber folks for their foresight and work on this project.

This is being written on Tuesday afternoon, many hours before any general election results are known. . . . that is unless you have found one of those infamous and varied opinion polls to believe in. Of course, like most folks we have an opinion about most items on the ballot, but the sun will come up tomorrow regardless of which candidate, or cause, wins. Ironically, the Tuesday morning papers are predicting there will be a lawsuit filed by distractors if Amendment #1 passes. While we didn't have time (or take time) to read anything but the headlines, our reaction was one of disgust. If the voters happen to approve the amendment, it should have the same power of legality as the original amendment dealing with the gas and oil revenue, which the same set of voters approved in the first place. The scary thing is that if Amendment #1 doesn't pass, the people of Alabama will be faced with some sort of increased taxes (there is that ugly four letter word) to fund the necessary projects proposed to be covered by #1.

The elections should be over Tuesday. . . . at least for a while. After a couple of days of telling us exactly who won and several more telling us why they won and the others lost, all the TV, radio and newspaper folks can return to reporting "the rest of the story."

An untold number of people have asked exactly when the levee repair work will get underway (actually they want to know when it will be finished). There is no clear answer for that question, in either form. The dirt moving will take 18 to 24 months, once a contractor gets started. However, before a single spade of dirt can be turned, all the additional property deeds must be signed and in one big stack. The burden for that falls on the City of Elba. Someone must go to the impacted property owners, beg them to donate the right-of-way (Elba must furnish these deeds and/or easements before the Corps of Engineers will step in and their federal dollars and start the levee repair) and then get the attorneys to prepare, and record, the proper deeds. Frankly, we are already looking the city hall folks in the eye and urging them to h-u-r-r-y!

Bill Bullard stopped by Tuesday with news that the Christmas lights will be up and burning by November 15th. . . . that is now on Highway 125, at the three mile marker. Bill and Ann have built their new home and moved the Christmas decorations to that location. Plus you can probably make a good bet by expecting they have added some pretty new twists at this new home on its much larger lot. Bill said it is being done, and done early, with grandmothers and grandfathers who are taking grandchildren for a ride, foremost in the mind of both him and Ann.

Last Thursday our office began hearing indirectly that there were complaints about us putting Kinston and Zion Chapel homecoming queens on the front page and not the Elba homecoming queen. Knowing how much space we devote to the schools, the question was "How could folks complain?" Then a friend in the black community called and said he was hearing complaints because the queen was black and the ones on the front were white. Suddenly, a light came on in our thick head, and with it an understanding of the complaints, but there is no good answer. The only surefire solution is to never put another homecoming queen on the front. The reason. . . it is done strictly on space available, considering other news. The week of the Elba homecoming, we had a big wreck picture and that bumped the queens. You will never know one week what the news will be the next week. Fully understanding (after being hit between the eyes) the sensitivity of this situation, we can only assure all concerned there is no master plan going on here to disenfranchise any one. . . . we aren't smart enough for that. However, you got our attention and a promise to try harder to "do right."

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BROWNIES TOLR We are Brownie Girl Scout Troop 296, sponsored by Elba United Methodist Church. On Saturday, November 4, Chief Driggers took us on a tour of the Elba Fire Department. The girls (and boy Michael came too) had a wonderful time and were also given a coloring book and crayons. Troop members who attended are Alexia Baxter, Britney Davis, Chloé Figueroa, Heather Figueroa, Jackie Figueroa, Brilla Figueroa, Nikki Fuller, Daniqua Horstoad, Kayla McWaters and Courtney Rugg. Our parents also attended. Afterwards we had a fun treat at Dairy Queen. Rachel Baxter is Troop leader.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 30, 2000, investigated the following incidents: two disorderly conduct, three burglaries, one property damage, one domestic disturbance, four criminal mischiefs, three sexual abuses, two rapes, one sodomy, one harassing communication, one prowler, one DUI, one harassment, one death investigation, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, one theft of property, one assault and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, one for failure to pay, four for failure to appear, two for disorderly conduct and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for DUI, three for violation of the seat belt law, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, seven for speeding, four for no insurance, one for driver's license not in possession, two for an expired tag, and two for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - River stage - 1:59 a.m.; Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba High School (8:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba High School (12:27 p.m.).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Wreck reported on Addison Street (2:10 a.m.); River stage - 1:58 (6:29 a.m.); Wreck reported at Family Dollar Store (5:26 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - Prowler reported on Ann Street (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 2:00 (6:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near Bullard's Bridge on AL Hwy. 134 (3:24 p.m.); Routine

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - River stage - 2:10 (6:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near Bullard's Bridge on AL Hwy. 134 (3:24 p.m.); Routine

BULLETIN BOARD

- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court House, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FRB: 1-800-772-1213
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon, First Free Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m., City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m., City Hall
- **GRIFFIN SPORT GROUP** - Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-entire on side on W. Davis St. Margie Garrett-Club on side on W. Davis St.
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room on Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m., Senior Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASSONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m., Band Room at Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-1:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 2nd & 4th
- **HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. day of month City Hall Conference room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
- **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department

The space made possible by National Security Resources, Inc.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 30, 2000 through November 5, 2000. They were: Linda Jones, Stacy Strickland, Joel Kelley, Mavis LeGear, William LeGear, Marshall Miller, James Marshall, Alto Stricklin, Linda Jones, Joel Kelley, Cleo Livingston, Mary Hudson, Tracy Hulgan, William LeGear, Mavis LeGear, Rhonda Johnson, Robert Kilcrease, Chase Boutwell, Kyndra Tillis, and Kyndron Tillis.

Wesley Donaldson. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Stacy Strickland, Marshall Miller, Andrew Hanson, James Marshall, Kristin Osborn, Brenda Arnett, Alto Stricklin, Linda Jones, Joel Kelley, Cleo Livingston, Mary Hudson, Tracy Hulgan, William LeGear, Mavis LeGear, Rhonda Johnson, Robert Kilcrease, Chase Boutwell, Kyndra Tillis, and Kyndron Tillis.

Bridal Registry

Mary Stephens & Ron Ramsey
Shower - 11/19/00
Wedding - 12/16/00
Ken & Amanda Owens
Shower - 11/19/00

LAY-A-WAY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

Bridal Patch

See Our New Fall & Holiday Selections

897-8591

Notice of Sign-Up

The Coffee County Water Authority will hold the next series of sign-up meetings for the new water users at:

New Ebenezer Baptist Church
(Curtis Community)
November 9, 2000
6:00 p.m.

This meeting is for residents and/or businesses located south of U.S. Hwy. 84 that are not presently served by a public water system. You are encouraged to attend and sign-up. We will be happy to answer questions concerning this proposed public water system.

For information contact:

Jim Paulk (334) 894-6366
David Hicks (334) 585-5841
Dale Moseley (334) 897-2314
Austin Mixon (334) 894-2240
Ralph Bradley (334) 897-3422
Jeff Cowen (334) 493-7756

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Open until 10:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday
November 9th, 10th, & 11th

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Free Balloons

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All Christmas Merchandise

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for the Kids!!!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

To all of the merchants downtown that were a part of the Pumpkins on the Square celebration on Halloween night, I would like to say a special "Thank You" for taking the time to hand out the candy to the children on the square. Especially the Dairy Queen, People's Bank and SouthTrust Bank (They are not really on the square). It was a wonderful way to keep children safe and off the streets and from having to go from house to house.

Also, to the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event and all those involved in the decorating and planning. To the First Baptist Church for all the games the children had an opportunity to enjoy. My kids really enjoyed it, and it was a lot easier on Mom too. Hope you didn't miss it! Thanks to all!
Beverly Tindell

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone involved with "Pumpkins on the Square", especially the merchants that stayed open late, the volunteers that donated their time, toys and candy, and Dale Moseley who captured it all on film.

I appreciate everyone for providing our children with a happy and safe Halloween.
Yours truly,
Jill Dunn

Dear Ferrin,

Thank you for allowing me to use your column to report on "Pumpkins on the Square." What a success it was! I would like to thank the merchants for participating in this event by donating their stores and also for staying open late and allowing the children to trick-or-treat. I would also like to thank the First Baptist Church Youth

Group for their help in providing activities for the children. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the community for their support. "Pumpkins on the Square" would not have been possible without all of your help.

Winners of the store decorations were as follows: 1st Place - Dollar Tree Plus; 2nd Place - Mutual Savings; 3rd Place - Police Dept. Winners of the pumpkin carving contest were: 1st Place - Briar Patch; 2nd Place - Sutley Furniture; 3rd Place - Jewel Box.

Kaye Whitworth
Executive Dir.
Elba Chamber of Commerce

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chamber seeking City Wide Christmas Sponsors

The 2000 Holiday Season is approaching and the Elba Chamber of Commerce has already made plans to transform Elba into a beautiful place to "SHARE THE SPIRIT."

Many new ideas are being used this year that will certainly be an eye catcher for everyone. A wreath will be put on every window of the courthouse and a candle inside the window. Also, there will be lights and garland on the Highway 84 bridge.

In order to put these plans into action, the chamber is asking for the community's support through "City Wide Christmas Sponsors." The cost will be \$50.

This year, each sponsor's name will be written on a Santa list and will be displayed on the courthouse lawn.

Anyone wanting to be a "City Wide Christmas Sponsor" should call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

How Coffee County Voters cast their ballot on Constitutional Amendments

The following is how Coffee County Voters cast their ballot on the fourteen proposed amendments to the Alabama Constitution:				
	No.....3,550	No.....3,440		
Amendment #7 (Clay County)	Yes.....3,775	Amendment #11 (White Hall)	Yes.....3,868	
No.....3,591	No.....3,585			
Amendment #11 (Trust Fund-Gas)	Yes.....7,737	Amendment #8 (Fayette County)	Yes.....3,953	
No.....5,115	No.....3,055	Amendment #12 (Marion County)	Yes.....3,728	
Amendment #2 (Interracial marriages)	Yes.....6,909	No.....3,498		
No.....5,156	Amendment #9 (Greene County)	Yes.....3,715	Amendment #13 (Ad valorem tax)	Yes.....3,682
Amendment #3 (Trust Fund-10%)	Yes.....7,777	No.....3,209	Amendment #14 (Ad valorem tax)	Yes.....4,197
No.....3,243	Amendment #10 (Lowndes County)	Yes.....3,703	No.....270	
Amendment #4 (Ad valorem tax)	Yes.....6,480			
No.....3,759	Amendment #5 (Auburn University)	Yes.....7,203		
Amendment #6 (Chilton County)	Yes.....3,983	No.....2,929		

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AREA DEATHS

MATTIE CLARK

Mrs. Mattie Clark, age 83, of Elba, Ala. (Damascus Community), died Nov. 3, 2000 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6, 2000 at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include her husband: Heber Clark, Damascus Community; four daughters and three sons-in-law: Betty and Ralph Mosher, Enterprise, Letty and Rex McCall, Damascus Community, Janice and William Frank, Columbus, Ga., Sue Clark, Warner Robins, Ga.; one

brother and three sisters-in-law: Tom and Betty Davis, Enterprise, Maudie Mae Davis, Merritt Bland, Fla., Lois Davis, Damascus Community; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

SHANE BRADLEY SENN

Shane Bradley Senn, age 5 months, of 20380 Highway 87, Elba, Ala., died Nov. 3, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services and burial were held Nov. 6, 2000 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Sam Totten officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his parents: John Erik and Tonya Ann Senn, Elba; one brother: Austin Alexander Senn, Elba; his grandparents: Andy and Pat Senn, Jack, Patricia Smith, Elba; Michael Wayne Johnson, Kinston; and his step-grandfather: Donald Smith, Elba.

EVABARROW

Mrs. Eva Barrow, age 102, of Brundidge, Ala., died Oct. 27, 2000.

Mrs. Barrow was a former resident of Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 1, 2000 at County Line Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Phillips officiating. Burial followed in the Brundidge Community Cemetery with Bell's Lipton/Dawson Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one son: Wayne (Annie) Johnson Jr., Brundidge; four stepsons; two stepdaughters; eight grandchildren: Enorris (Liz) Johnson, Huntsville, Michael (Margaret) Johnson, Charles (Michelle) Johnson, Alvin

(Linda) Johnson, Ricky (Arlisa) Johnson, Vanessa Johnson, all of Brundidge, Gwendolyn (Jimmy) Clay, Fort Rucker, Linda Harvey, Auburndale, Fla.; one sister: Katie Bell Reynolds, Brundidge; two sisters-in-law: Ethel Lee Davis and Lois Davis Foster, Brundidge; 21 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and many other relatives.

FLOSSIE BELL JORDAN
Mrs. Flossie Bell Jordan, born July 13, 1915 in Coffee County, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, 2000 at Greater Springfield Baptist Church in Sanson, Ala., with Rev. C.A. Hammond Sr. officiating. Burial followed in the Church cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Jordan was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Jordan, her mother, Lillie Bell McDonald, and her stepfather, Dove McDonald.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Martha and Allen Tiller, two grandsons: Jason and Justin Jordan, one great-grandson: Jaquon Jordan, all of Dothan; and one sister: Christine Nell DeBouse, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Student Spotlight



by Francie English
Name: Aaron Tew
Parents: Philip and Polly Tew
Age: 17-years-old
Grade: 12th
Favorite music: Punk, ska, Gregorian chant, elevator, an allegory
Clubs/Activities: Band and Spanish club
Interests/hobbies: Filling out questionnaires; writing music, poems and poetry; drawing; and playing jazz's harp
Personal quote: "Refuse to settle for a life of mediocrity and conformity; you can start by throwing away your TV and radio."
Aaron's favorite class would have to be his third block class. His third block class is planning, which he finds pretty exciting. He gets to run errands, and, other things of that nature.
After graduation, he wants to attend Faulkner Christian University to major in Bible and preach.
Aaron's most memorable moment was when he used to sneak stuff from the snack machines back to the band room with Gunter, Bethany, and Chris. He did this during music theory, second block last year.

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Tiger Tales

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Class of 1970 Presentation



Kay Whitworth (left) makes the presentation to Mrs. Calhoun on behalf of the Class of 1970.

by Bethany Dye
Every year, the Class of 1970 takes time to remember their deceased classmates. This year, the class made a donation to the EHS library in order to help further the education of Elba's youth. Mrs. Margaret Calhoun and Mrs. Paula McCollough would like to thank the class of 1970 for their donation.

Elba Elementary School Menu Nov. 13 - 17, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Teacher-In-Service Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Teacher-In-Service Tuesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 1/2 Orange, Milk Wednesday - Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Sliced Peaches, Milk Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Rounds, California Style Vegetables, 1/2 Apple, Milk Friday - Turkey Dressing, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes, w/ Gravy, Bread, Candied Yams, Milk

It's Raining Cats & Dogs

by Cammie Kelley
Dentistry, research, and college were all major topics discussed at the Veterinarian career day held on Monday, Oct. 23.
Dr. Joel Kline from the Diagnostic Lab, located in Elba, came and spoke to a diverse group of seniors on the subject of Veterinary Medicine.
All seniors learned that veterinary occupations are more than just dogs and cats. He talked of several interesting occupations related to veterinary medicine.
Veterinarians are able to specialize in Dentistry, Dermatology and Research. Veterinarians can be employed at a small animal clinic, diagnostics labs and by the military.
Dr. Kline's specialty was poultry; he elaborated on the stipulations and involvements of his job.
This seminar certainly broadened many seniors' views of Veterinary Medicine.

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Induction of Intelligence

by Leanne Mallory
On Wednesday, Oct. 18, Senior Beta Club inducted 14 new members into the club with a candle-lighting ceremony.
Senior Beta Club President Leanne Mallory opened the meeting. Then, Vice-President Valice Moore, Secretary Cammie Kelley, and Treasurer Amanda Beerenstrauch explained the colors of each of the candles and lit them.
The new members received their certificates and were pinned by the old members. The future looks bright for Senior Beta Club.

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EHS Celebrates "Teen Read Week"

by Katie Crowe
Last week, Elba High School celebrated "Teen Read Week." To encourage reading,
Mrs. Margaret Calhoun and Mrs. Paula McCollough marked certain books as instant winners. Students finding these books on the shelves selected mechanical pencils or notepads as prizes. Some instant winners received a free coke.
All students checking out books registered for cash prizes. School principal Mr. Mike Williams drew five names. These five students each received a five-dollar bill.
Mrs. Calhoun said, "While everyone did not get a prize, all of the participating students are winners." Reading improves comprehension, test taking skills, and life experiences.

2000-2001 Lady Tiger Volleyball Season Ends

Elba High School hosted the Class 3A, Area 2 Volleyball Tournament on Monday, Oct. 23, with four teams battling to earn a berth in the regional tournament and possibly in this week's state tournament.
Teams taking part in the tournament included the Catholic Lady Knights of Montgomery, the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, the Laverne Lady Knights and the Elba Lady Tigers.
The Lady Knights, a semifinalist in last year's State Tournament, won the Area tournament, while Pike County placed second to also earn a regional berth.
While the Elba Lady Tigers failed to qualify for the regional tournament, they did complete the season with nine wins and proved to be a very competitive squad.
Seniors Melissa Mulaz, Lauren Sutley and Christina Stokes ended their high school volleyball careers in the tournament, and all were valuable members of the team and led through their experience, maturity and skills on the court.

EES Observes "Fire Safety Week"

by Hunter Branch
The week of October 9th through the 13th was fire safety week. The Ft. Rucker and Elba Fire Departments visited the kindergarten classes from Elba Elementary School.
The Elba Fire Department shared tips about fire prevention and safety. They also talked about equipment used in putting out fires.
The Ft. Rucker Fire Department staff brought a miniature house to simulate real life experiences with fire in their own homes.
The kindergartners learned a great deal and had an enjoyable time.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

"A" Honor Roll 1st Grade
Kiara White, Taylor Ellis, Tiffany Bradshaw, Elisa Dewberry, Kei-Auna Edwards, Connor Kelley, Aaron Kelley, Gunnar McCollough, Shabria Thomas, Sarah Bane, Tamara Burks, Jake Canley, Dillon Duncan, Aaliyah Horstead, Joey Orr, Selma Stokes, J. Quentin Trout, Alex Beerenstrauch, Brooke Weeks, William Hooks, Cordelia Hooks, Brandy Sankovich, Chase Sauls, Jacquetta Whitfield, Megan Coleman, Brooke Adcock, Tyvonne Smith

"A-B" Honor Roll
6th Grade
Brianna Bailey, Brian Blair, Katie Cash
Alexia Baxter, Jaron Walker, Lindsay Haley, Brock Lambert, Colton Vaughan, Ben Pope, Ryan Pope, Jonathan Kelley, Kerri Jones, Ty Gray, Alex Dixon

2nd Grade
Keyawne Gavin, Kristin Kelley, Kayla Parks, Faith Powell, Jacob Murray, Daniel Bannin, Aspen Foushee, Dakota Morris, Persephone Prentiss, Brian Robinson, Jesse Stokes, Keira Hammonds, Chastity Slenker, Lindsey Smith, Bethany Wilson, Breann Austin, Haley Bryan, Gage Craig, Chance Gooshy, William Petty, Xavier Rodgers, Ashton Davis, Cameron Johnson, Molly McGuire, Lindsey Carley, Kendall Cole

3rd Grade
Jonathan Farmer, Marshall George, Alexandria McBride, Ethan Carpenter, Devin Jackson, Kyle Pope, Catherine Irwin, Kevin Allen, Taylor Creel, Taylor Cotton, Donnell Horstead, D.J. McKee, Daniqua Horstead, Robby Forbes, Janae Carley

4th Grade
Dylan McCollough, Jason Mitchell, Kimberly Blue, Griffin Cash, Cortin Lee, Jordan McBride, Meredith Brunson, Shelby Brunson, Cheshire Cross, Michael Jackson, David Maddoloni, Megan Sullivan, Bradley Wilson, Ashley Bush, Jamison Baker, Alexis Bush, Drew Ellis, Andrew Head, Cody Sasser

5th Grade
Trey Martin, Matthew Gibson, Austin Parrish

Upcoming events for Elba Elementary School:
Nov. 1-17 Canned Food Drive
Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Program 8:15 a.m.
Nov. 9 Fall Festival 5:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Observed - Holiday
Nov. 13 Teacher In-Service
Nov. 13 Elba JV vs. Zion Chapel - Away 5 p.m.
Nov. 14 Elba JV vs. Opp Middle - Away 5 p.m.
Nov. 14-17 Children's Book Week
Nov. 16 Elba JV vs. New Brockton - Home 5 p.m.
Nov. 17 Book Character Parade & Story Teller to Visit 8:15 a.m.
Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 27 Elba JV vs. New Brockton - Away 5 p.m.
Nov. 30 Elba JV vs. Opp Middle - Home 5 p.m.

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SCHOOLS

Homecoming Queen Chosen By ZC Student Body

Christie Nicole Roberts was chosen by the student body to reign over the 2000 Homecoming festivities. Her attendants were Senior Sarah Maddox, Junior Megan Legg, Sophomore Kim McClain and Freshman Whitney Stephens.
Christie is the daughter of Sherry Roberts and Phillip Roberts. She is an 18-year-old senior who is a cheerleader, a softball player, and a basketball player. At the homecoming pep rally, she was escorted by Josh McHaffey. During the coronation ceremony, she was escorted by her father, Phillip Roberts.
The senior attendant, Sarah Elizabeth Maddox, is the daughter of Dale and Paula Maddox. She is 17-years-old and is the reigning Coffee County Miss Agriculture. She is captain of the varsity cheerleader squad, drum line captain, SGA president, and senior class president. At the homecoming pep rally, she was escorted by David Eddins. During the coronation ceremony, she was escorted by her brother, Ben.
16-year-old Megan Legg was chosen by her classmates to be their attendant. She is the daughter of John and Sharon Legg. She is a member of FFA, vice president of the Hands of Glory Puppet Team. She plays basketball and softball.

During the homecoming pep rally, she was escorted by Josh Richards. Her father, John Legg, was her escort during the coronation ceremony.
Kimberly McClain, the sophomore attendant, is the daughter of Lisa and Bill McClain. At present time, she had not selected her escort for the homecoming pep rally; but, she was escorted by her father, Bill McClain, during the coronation ceremony. Kimberly is a member of the band.
Whitney Ashton Stephens, the daughter of Jackie Stephens and Ricky Stephens, was the freshman attendant. Her escort for the homecoming pep rally was Sam Wambles and her escort during the coronation ceremony was her father, Ricky Stephens. Whitney is the reigning Junior Miss Zion Chapel, a member of the varsity cheerleader squad, and a member of Future Business Leaders of America.
The junior, sophomore, and freshman attendants were chosen by their classmates during a called homecoming. During this same called homecoming, the members of the senior class nominated four of their classmates to be the candidates in the election of a homecoming queen to represent the school. These four names were placed on a ballot and an election was held with grades six through twelve voting. The candidate with the most votes, Christie Roberts, was named homecoming queen, and the candidate with the second highest number of votes, Sarah Maddox, was named senior attendant.

Homecoming '00 A Success

Other than Zion Chapel's amazing end to its eight-year postseason drought, and being named Coffee County champs for 2000, Friday night Oct. 27, was great for several other reasons. One of these was the return of alumni—some recent, some not so recent—to perform in the Alumni Band.
A reception was held by the Band Boosters during the afternoon of homecoming for the returning band members. Current band members watched films of the band with the alumni. At 6:30, everyone played the warm-up and got ready to enter the stadium.
For pre-game, band students in grades 7 through 11 played while the Homecoming Court was honored. This year, the band had two representatives on the court. They were Senior Sarah Maddox and Sophomore Kimberly McClain. When the senior class was honored, many of our finest band students' names were mentioned. These included Shambrae Calhoun, Denise Cooper, Kristie Hall, Kimberly Jordan, Sarah Maddox, Amie Perry, and Charles Spears.
We had a few special guests at this game. Kineston's band director, John Paul Jones, invited Mr. Tom Maddox from Elba Middle School to critique each band's halftime performance. Scott Yelding, who was a trumpet player and Band Captain of the Troy State University band in the late 1980s was also a guest. But the biggest surprise was when Dr. Johnny Long, former director of "The Sound of the South", showed up for the game. Mr. Jones and Mr. Bird were honored to have their bands perform for their former band director. The big news for Dr. Long this week is that he is the subject of a documentary being shot by Legacy Films, A Music Legend," which will debut at Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival in January, 2002. This film is being made in Troy and features interviews with Kineston's band director, Mr. Jones, as well as Zion Chapel's director, Mr. Bird.
Halftime was a great opportunity to let our 25-plus returning band members play for the crowd. After a few tunes from the current band, the alumni joined the Rebel Band of today for two numbers—"Bad Mamma Jamma" and "Dixie." The crowd was on its feet and cheering for both.
"Having the alumni return was something so wonderful that we hope to do it again next year. If you missed it this year, start blowing the cobwebs out of your horn—next time, we're hoping to hear from you," said Mr. Bird.

HC Contest Winners

Part of the homecoming activities were competitions to see which class could decorate the best door, and which class could produce the best banner for the parade.
First place in door decorations went to Mrs. Cara Knighten, guidance counselor, with a door decoration with the title "BQ the Dogs." Her door was an outdoor BBQ setting complete with a grill, paper plates, and other picnic essentials. Second place went to the ninth grade with the theme "Hang the Dogs," and third place went to the Junior Beta Club.
The sixth grade won the banner contest with "Tame the Dogs" as their theme. "Taking Out the Trash" was the theme of the sophomore class who won second place, and "Rebels Don't Let the Bulldogs Out" was the theme of the third grade who won third place.

The Fall Festival activities included cake walk, a toy walk, a basketball throw, a hay ride, an air walk, and a duck pond. And of course, the Festival included the traditional favorite of the "little ones"—Go Fishing!
Another Fall Festival tradition and a concession especially enjoyed by the adults who attend the festival is the Cake Walk. This year there were approximately 150 cakes that were walked off. The different homecomers participate in a contest to see who can bring in the most cakes. The winners were the homecomers of Mrs. Lisa Smith and Mrs. Betty McIntosh. Each of these homecomers had 100% of the cakes placed to be actually brought in for the cake walk.
They raised this money by selling raffle tickets on a variety of items that included Beanie Babies, a case of steaks, 1000 bills from contestants and one from the school, rocking chairs, and a hand-made cedar chest.

FBLA Meets

The Zion Chapel Chapters of Middle Level and Senior Level Future Business Leaders of America held their monthly meetings late in October. Membership dues and yearly projects were the main items on the agenda. It was reported that 47 members had been reported to the national office

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Friday night's high school football game between Elba and Trinity was a very special night for both of the Mularz girls, but for very different reasons. For Melissa, the game marked her last Elba Tiger football game as a cheerleader, and followed her last football pep rally held earlier in the day. For Melanie, the game was a first, since as a member of the sixth grade band she got to march into the stadium and play in the stands with the Marching Tigers. I'll admit that Dad hates to think about all the "last times" coming up for Melissa during this, her senior year, and will also admit that it is a little scary when I stop and realize that Melanie is just a year away from starting her high school days. Hey, can't we slow this thing down, at least a little?

ELBA TIGERS CLOSE OUT SEASON WITH 1-9 RECORD

The Elba Tigers saw a disappointing season come to a disappointing end Friday night when they saw a late rally fall short in a 17-14 loss to 4A Trinity. The Tigers fell behind 17-0 in the third quarter and appeared headed for a big loss, but refused to quit and almost pulled off what would have been an amazing comeback against a very good opponent. The loss left Elba with a 1-9 record, and while the nine losses tied the all-time Elba Tiger record for losses in a season, at least the Tigers never quit and battled just as hard in the final three games of the season as they did in the opening weeks.

The Elba offense was practically non-existent through the opening three quarters and had a goose egg on the scoreboard to show for it, but rolled up 146 yards on its final three possessions of the game and scored two touchdowns. Freshman tailback Michael Sams gained 139 yards and scored 1 touchdown in the game, and in doing so closed out the season with three consecutive 100-yard games, while sophomore quarterback Brandon Petty hung tough until the final horn, and once again played on offense, defense and returned punts. These two youngsters will be leaders for years to come in the Elba football program, and if the remainder of the players can adopt their work ethics and pride in their performance, the Tigers will be back a lot sooner than a lot of people think.

The Elba defense once again had its troubles stopping a strong running game, but as has been the case late in the season, the Tigers bent a lot more than they broke on the defensive side of the football, and kept the Tigers in the game until the very end. The defense was far from being a dominating force in Friday night's game, or throughout the season, but the players never once backed down from a challenge and showed every Friday night that they did have pride in the black and gold uniforms they had on.

I know the Elba Tigers have struggled through five straight losing seasons and won only one game this season. However, with players like Gavin Mauldin, Brandon Petty, Michael Sams, Marcus Henderson, Chris Bryant, Mandrell Carpenter, Jason Curran and Nick Montley coming back, there should be no shortage of leaders in the weight room or on the practice field, and that is where the long road back must begin.

BRANTLEY AND ZION CHAPEL READY TO JOIN THE PARTY

The high school football regular season drew to a close last week for many of the teams all across the state, and locally it marked the end of the season for both the Kinston Bulldogs and New Brockton Gamecocks, while the Zion Chapel Rebels and Brantley Bulldogs both had big wins heading into the playoffs. Here's a quick look back.

*** **ZION CHAPEL REBELS (6-4)** made it look easy with a big 45-16 win over McKenzie, and clinched the Rebels first winning season in years. The Rebels have come back so far this season that many people don't realize how good they really are, and that is a shame, because Coach Randy Grant, his team and his players deserve so much credit for bringing the program back from the brink of extinction. The folks up at Zion Chapel would like to hang around the playoffs for a while, but whether they win or not, the 2000 Zion Chapel Rebels will have to go down in history as the team that kept football alive up in Jack.

*** **BRANTLEY BULLDOGS (8-2)** may have surprised even their biggest fans with their lopsided 35-13 win over Loxley. To beat Loxley is always fun for the Bulldogs, but this year Loxley won its region in 3A, and the big win pumped new confidence into the players and the fans. The playoffs have belonged to the Bulldogs in recent years, and that experience should pay dividends as Brantley meets one of the state's top teams each and every week. Forget the past two seasons, this bunch of Dogs has a bite that is just as bad as any, and this year they may actually sneak up on some folks.

*** **KINSTON BULLDOGS (4-6)** were disappointed after being eliminated from the playoff race in a week #9 loss to Zion Chapel, and I thought that after being wiped out by Northview, and losing to the Rebels, the Bulldogs would barely even work up a good bark in their season finale against New Brockton. Man was I wrong! Coach Gary Glass and his troops came from behind in the closing minutes of the game to send it into overtime, scored on fourth down in the first extra period to stay alive, and then won the game in the second overtime to close out the season with a win. While a 4-6 record is not what the Bulldogs were hoping for, the four wins are four times as many as Kinston won the two previous years, and the last win over New Brockton showed a lot about how far this program has come. Believe it or not, Kinston is here to stay.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS ARE EXCITING TIME OF THE YEAR

The most exciting time of the high school football season is here, and that can mean only one thing, that it is playoff time across the state of Alabama. This is the time when the stores paint their windows, the teams practice until dark, and the fans pull out the maps to find out where they will be heading on Friday nights. Here's a quick look at this year's playoff party....

*** **CLASS 1A** - The defending state champs from up in Courtland are back to defend their crown, but also lurking in the shadows are former 2A powers Hazlewood and Maplesville, not to mention '98 champ Brantley and perennial power Notasulga. The teams that don't belong include (3-7) Valley Head, (4-6) Cedar Bluff and (5-5) Millry, while other teams to watch include Sumiton Christian, Lynn and Reeltown.

*** **CLASS 2A** - Two-time defending state champ Southern Choctaw is back again, but the guys from down in Silas appear to have a lot more competition this time around, including such teams as Leroy, Clay County, Goshen, Houston County and Hatton. Teams that will make an early exit will be (6-4) Excel, (4-5) Cherokee and (6-4) Sand Rock.

*** **CLASS 3A** - Briarwood Christian has jumped up to 4A, but there are still some darn good teams around looking to take home the state title, including Aliceville, St. Clair County, Colbert County and Lincoln. Teams with no business at the party are folks like (6-4) Francis Marion, (3-7) W.S. Neal and (4-6) Lauderdale County, while others that could get hot and make a run could include Pike County, Plainview and Sheffield.

*** **CLASS 4A** - This looks like the most competitive of the six classes and should be the most fun to watch. Teams to keep an eye on include UMS-Wright, Central-Coosa, Geneva, Jemison, Alexandria and Cleburne County, while others that could pull off a surprise or two include Dale County, T.R. Miller and Fayette County. Teams checking out early should be (4-6) Holt, (5-5) Headland, (4-5) Thomasville and (4-5) Midfield.

*** **CLASS 5A** - Elbow is back, and although it has struggled at times this season, has to be the favorite until someone knocks it off. Teams more than capable of stealing the crown include Williamson, Briarwood Christian, Gadsden and Benjamin Russell, while those that won't be around long are such pretenders as (5-5) Chilton County, (3-7) Carroll, (5-5) Gardendale and (5-5) Saks.

*** **CLASS 6A** - Clay Chalkville is back, but won't be for long, and

teams that should make a run at the title include Theodore, Opelika, Hoover and Vestavia Hills. Others that don't belong are teams like (5-5) Pelham, (4-5) Dothan, (3-6) Northview and (4-5) Wenonah.

QUICK KICKS...

**** Ever since the axe dropped on Mike Dubose's career at Alabama the talk has centered around who will be his replacement. Some so-called "in the know" folks up at Tuscaloosa have already given the job to Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill, while the sports networks seem to think Tommy Bowden will get the job. If I was Mal Moore I would make certain that I got the best coach to be found, because at Alabama the careers of the Athletic Directors is sometimes shorter than that of the coaches.

*** It has been funny to hear the rumors centering around Tommy Tuberville heading to Texas A & M. Tuberville hasn't exactly taken the Auburn fans by storm since arriving on the plains, and while he has turned the program in the right direction, there would be a lot of Auburn fans that wouldn't shed a tear if he did leave. For the life of me I can't figure out why Tuberville is such a hot commodity.

*** The Elba 11 and Under soccer All-Stars traveled over to Headland last week and claimed the city's first-ever soccer win by defeating Headland 3-2. The kids in Elba have gotten excited about the newest game in town in recent weeks, and even though the All-Star teams both lost in the opening round at the District Tournaments, they did show how much they had learned in a very short time. Like it or not, the sport of soccer is here to stay.

*** The rumors about high school coaching vacancies is also hot news around the area, and the latest have Enterprise's Bill Bacon and Andalusia's Paul Woolley both retiring. I guess we won't know for sure until it is official, but one thing is certain, Geneva's Coach Leavy Boutwell is on everybody's wish list.

*** More and more Elba drivers have appeared at the race track down in Kinston this season, and it looks like maybe next year I will have to visit the track and see what is going on. Elba drivers include Mary Catlett, Tim Hudson, Blake Streetman and David Barnes. So, something must be going on.

In opening round of Class 1A playoffs

Zion Chapel and Brantley brace for tough opponents

The end of the regular season also marked the end of the 2000 football season for three of the five teams in the area. However, for the Brantley Bulldogs and the Zion Chapel Rebels, last week's regular season finale was nothing more than just another game as both teams will continue their seasons this week as they compete in the Class 1A high school football playoffs.

The kickoff for all playoff games is 7:00 PM.

Following are previews of this week's playoff action:

Long road trip and #2 Carrollton await Zion Chapel in opener

The Zion Chapel Rebels will make their first playoff appearance in almost a decade Friday night when they make the long trip to Carrollton to meet the state's second ranked team in Class 1A.

The Rebels battled their way into the playoffs with a big 38-19 region win over Kinston in week #9, and will carry a 6-4 record into their playoff opener. The Rebels, which closed out the regular season with an easy 45-16 romp past McKenzie, are led on offense by quarterback Marcus Taylor, running backs Josh McHaffey and Adam Blake, and wide-receiver Josh McWaters, and have a bend, but don't break attitude on defense. Coach Randy Grant has pulled the Rebels out of the program from the brink of extinction, and his squad will be fired up and ready when they hit the field Friday night.

When the Rebels do hit the field, they will run head on into #2 ranked Carrollton. Carrollton has posted wins this season over Pickens County 27-14, A.L. Johnson 39-14, John Essex 54-6, American Christian 61-19, Akron 19-16, Sweet Water 42-7, Linden 30-8, Sunshine 68-0 and Millry 32-8, while losing only to Gordo 16-7. The Carrollton offense has averaged over 38 points a game this season, and have one of the state's most explosive offensive attacks.

If the same Zion Chapel Rebels take the field Friday night that battled

Lady Tigers suffer first loss

Elba Junior Tigers remain unbeaten in early-season play

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers continued their early-season action on the basketball court last week, with both Tiger teams moving to 2-0, while the Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 2-1.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

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POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator closed out the regular season with a 21-4 week of predictions, which moved his yearly totals to 253-45. While the local gussuppers has never liked the playoffs, he did stop by Sunday afternoon and leave his round #1 picks. Here goes....

Brantley 24 Akron 13
Carrollton 33 Zion Chapel 20
G.W. Long 29 Linden 15
Maplesville 21 Frisco City 0
Leroy 27 Rantune 7
Goshen 28 Sansom 6
Clay County 28 Excel 3
Geneva County 22 Highland Home 20
Straughton 17 Cottonwood 14
Houston County 41 Georgiana 29
Louverne 20 Francis Marion 8
Aliceville 45 W.S. Neal 0
Pike County 29 Springville 28
Dale County 21 Trinity 17
Tarrant 21 Flomaton 10
Washington County 34 Fultondale 27
UMS-Wright 24 Holt 0
Daleville 20 St. James 18
Central, Coosa 28 Headland 0
T.R. Miller 33 Dallas County 16
Geneva 21 Bearegard 7
Santelope Elmore 28 Charles Henderson 17
Williamson 31 Chilton County 6
Eufaula 17 Hillcrest 16
Benjamin Russell 35 Carroll 7
Theodore 24 Pelham 3
R.E. Lee 28 Baldwin County 14
Dothan 29 LaFlore 16
Opelika 17 Foley 0
Prattville 21 Murphy 14
Daphne 17 Northview 15

The Brantley Bulldogs have made a habit of winning in the playoffs, and will be looking to continue that trend Friday night when they host the Akron Rams in the opening round of the Class 1A high school football playoffs.

The Bulldogs made it look easy late in the season as they rolled past any and all challengers in compiling an 8-2 record, and Brantley closed out the regular season last week with an impressive 35-13 romp past 3A playoff participant Loxley. The Brantley offense has proven it can travel by land or in the air, while the defense has surrendered some points, but not in recent weeks. With a 9-1 playoff record over the past two seasons, there is little doubt why the folks up in Brantley don't really get excited until the "second season" kicks off.

The Akron Rams placed fourth in their region standings and will bring a 6-4 record into Friday night's playoff clash. The Rams posted wins over Sweet Water 20-7, Sunshine 36-8, Autaugaaville 28-14, Josh Essex, American Christian 39-6 and Livingston 43-8, while losing to Hale County 22-20, Linden 28-26, Carrollton 19-6 and A.L. Johnson 28-13. While the Rams' record is less than impressive, they did close out the season with three straight wins, and will be confident coming into Friday night's contest.

Two good 1A teams expecting to advance into round two will meet Friday night in Brantley, and the fans from both schools should be in for real treat.

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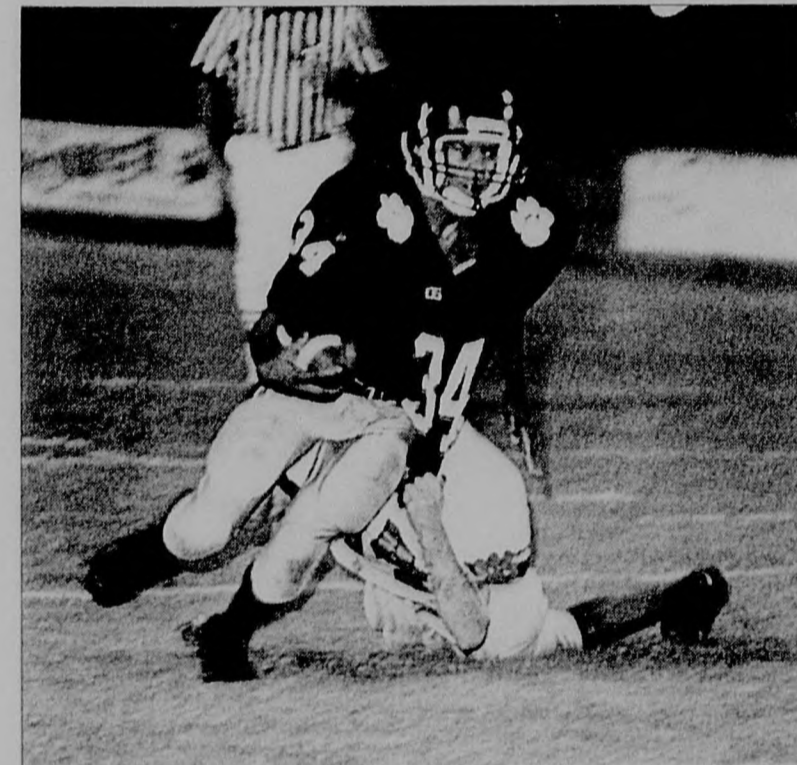
SPORTS



ELBA HIGH SENIOR CHEERLEADERS....cheered at their final high school football game of the season Friday night in the Tigers' 17-14 loss to Trinity. Cheerleaders pictured above include (l-r) Cammie Kelley - Captain, Amber Norris - Mascot, Lauren Sutley, Carmenda Coleman - Co Captain and Melissa Mularz.



Elba Tiger running back Quinton Moultry (6) looks for room outside in last week's 17-14 loss to Trinity. Moultry scored a touchdown as the Tigers closed out the season.



Elba Tiger tailback Michael Sams (34) drags a Trinity defender as he gains yardage in last week's action. Sams gained 139 yards and scored 1 touchdown in the 17-14 loss, giving Sams three straight 100-yard games on the ground.

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Late rally not enough as Tigers fall to Trinity 17-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short Friday night as they were defeated by the Trinity Wildcats 17-14, in Elba.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 1-9, while Trinity advanced to the state playoffs with a record of 8-2.

The two teams swapped fumbles to open the game, but Trinity got its running game on track on its second series and marched 58 yards in six plays to grab the early lead.

Walker Fain gained 20 yards on three carries to spark the scoring march, while Jonathan Walters added 33 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard plunge. Jeffery Shelley tackled on the extra-point, and with 3:14 remaining in the first quarter the Wildcats were in front 7-0. The Elba offense showed signs of life on its ensuing possession, and aided by a roughing the passer penalty, moved to a first down at the Trinity 33-yardline. The major distance penalty wiped out a Wildcat interception and kept the drive alive early, while a 5-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Chris Turner on third down and 3 was another key play as the Tigers marched down the field.

The drive bogged down after reaching the Trinity 33, however, and the Tigers punted the ball away after being knocked back to the 35.

Trinity regained possession at its own 37-yardline midway through the second quarter and drove 63 yards in eight plays to add to its lead. A 15-yard pass from Walker Fain to Bobby Trotter was a key play early in the drive, while a 17-yard scamper by Drew Sullivan gave the Wildcats a first down at the Elba 11. Two plays later Jeffery Harris eluded an Elba pass rush and found Brian Pavlick in the back of the endzone for a 6-yard touchdown toss, and after Shelley kicked the extra-point, Trinity was in command with a 14-0 lead with just 1:10 remaining in the half.

The first four offensive possessions of the third quarter resulted in one first down and four punts, but Trinity's offense began to move late in the quarter and marched to a first down at the Elba 17-yardline. The Wildcats got as close as the Elba 8-yardline, but failed to get any closer, and settled for three points as on fourth down Jeffery Shelley came in and booted a 27-yard field goal to put Trinity on top 17-0 with 1:57 left in the third quarter.

The Elba offense had been limited to no first downs and minus 17 yards in total offense on its first two possessions of the second half, but suddenly came to life following the Wildcat field-goal, and stunned Trinity by quickly marching downfield for a Tiger touchdown!

A 54-yard dash by Michael Sams moved the Tigers to a first down and goal at the Wildcat 6-yardline, and Quinton Moultry burst over from there as the Tigers got on the scoreboard. Chris Turner booted the extra-point, and with :05 still remaining in the third quarter Elba was still alive, trailing 17-14.

Trinity responded to the quick Tiger touchdown with an 11 play drive that covered 45 yards and reached a first down at the Elba 24-yardline. However, the Elba defense rose to the challenge, and turned the Wildcats away empty-handed when on fourth down a 40-yard field-goal attempt by Bobby Trotter was partially blocked by Michael Reed.

The Tigers failed to move the chains on their ensuing series, but regained possession at the Elba 15-yardline following a Wildcat punt, and drove 85 yards in 10 plays to cut even deeper into the Trinity advantage.

Michael Sams gained 53 yards on 3 carries to get the drive off to a fast start, while a face mask penalty against Trinity enabled Elba to move to a first down at the Wildcat 17. Sams scored four plays later on a 2-yard dash around the end, and Chris Turner's extra-point try was true, as the Tigers pulled within 17-14 with :50 still left on the clock.

Elba attempted an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff, but Trinity made the recovery, and then ran the closing seconds off the clock to claim the 17-14 win.

Michael Sams gained 139 yards on 17 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Brandon Petty completed 6 of 10 passes for 41 yards, with Michael Sams pulling in 2 passes for 29 yards.

The Elba defense was paced by Marcus Henderson and Brandon Salter with 8 tackles, apiece, while Brandon Petty had 6 stops and Mandrell Carpenter and Brian Brunson had 5 tackles each.

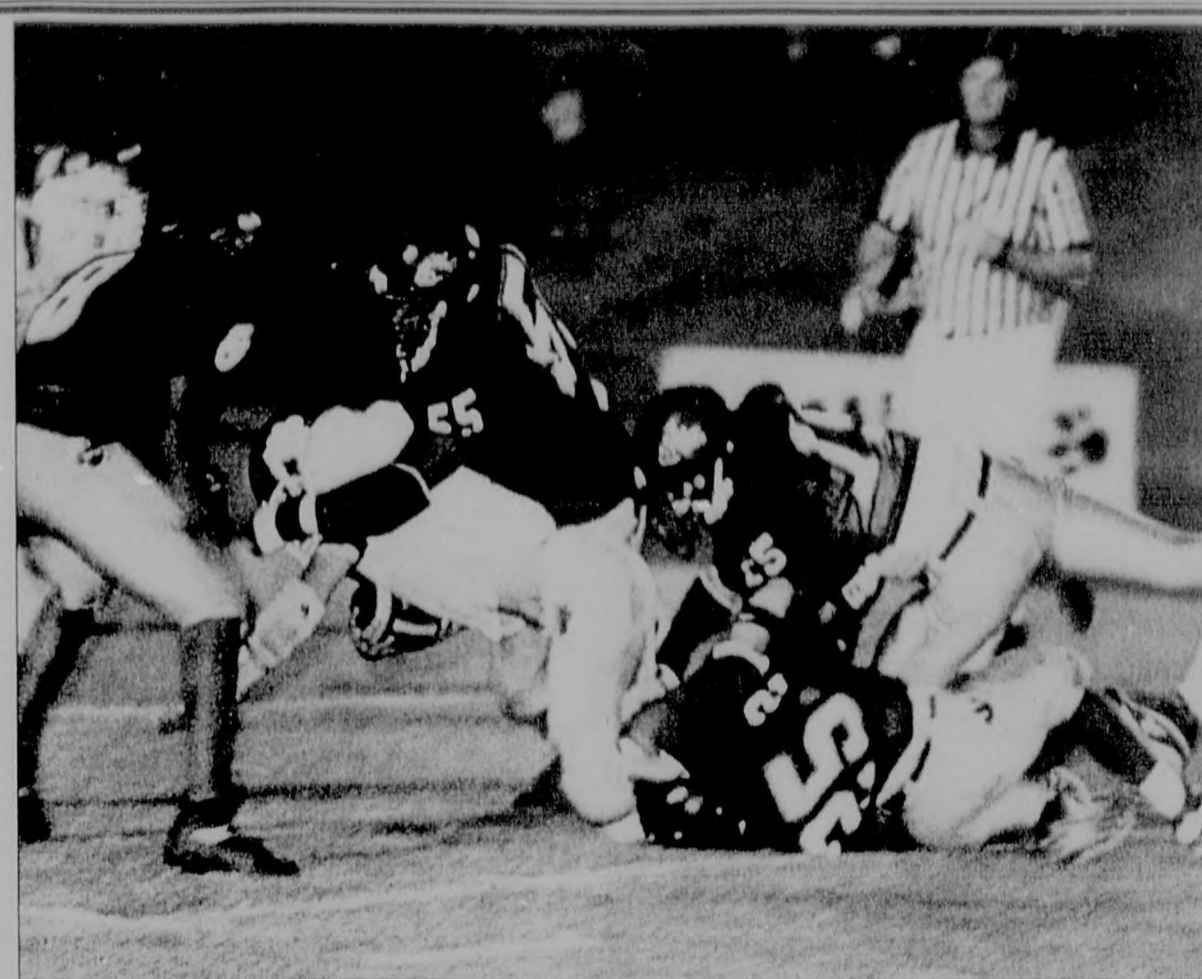
Walker Fain gained 46 yards on 9 carries to lead Trinity, while Jonathan Walters added 45 yards on 9 carries and Frank Aman gained 39 yards on 4 tries.

STATISTICS

E	T
9	17
151	1st Downs
41	Rushing Yds.
192	Passing Yds.
6-12-0	Total Offense
4/1	Passes
7-27	Fumbles/Lost
40	Punts-Ave.
	Penalty Yds.
	40

Coming next week....

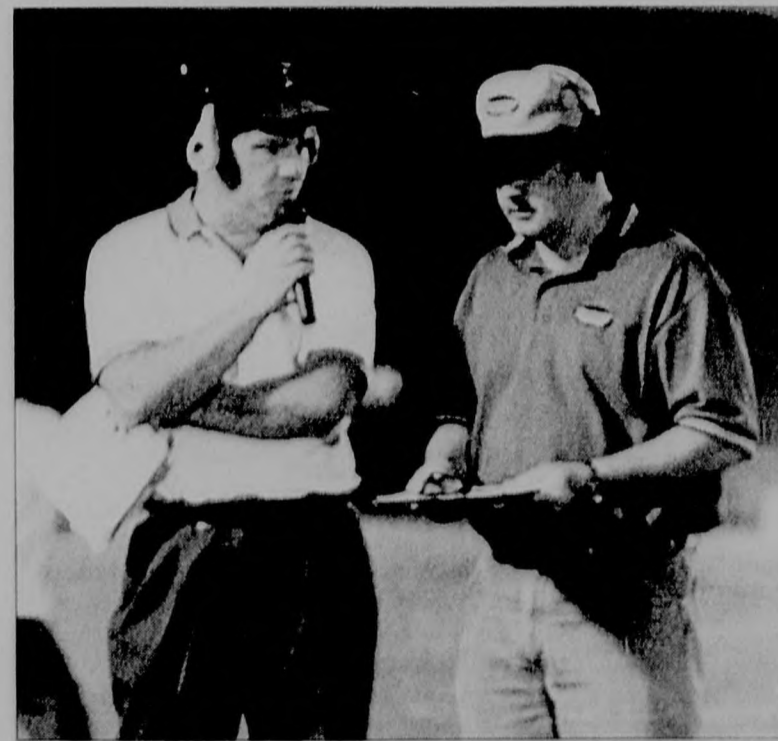
Final 2000 Elba Tiger football statistics



TIGER DEFENSE! The Trinity Wildcats had success running the football in Friday night's win over Elba, but on this play the Tiger defense was in charge. Elba players combining on the tackle are Marcus Henderson (8), Michael Reed (55), Ralston Moore (15) and Todd Horstead (25).



Elba Marching Tiger soloist Bethany Dye salutes the crowd after performing Friday night in the band's final on-the-field performance of the season. Dye, a senior, helped the Marching Tigers to another award winning band season.



WZTZ football reporters Brant Locklar (left) and Steven Harrelson chat prior to last week's Elba-Trinity football game. The popular radio team provide radio coverage of all Elba Tiger football games.

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Improve record to 6-4

Rebels tame Tigers 45-16

By Randy Winters, Sports writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels put the finishing touches on a winning season Friday night as they clobbered the McKenzie Tigers 45-16, at Zion Chapel.

The Rebels improved their record to 6-4 with the win, while McKenzie closed out its season with an 0-10 slate.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and gave their fans a preview of things to come as the Rebels marched 65 yards in 7 plays to grab the early lead. The touchdown came on a 5-yard dash by Adam Blake, while Marcus Taylor booted the extra-point to give the Rebels a 7-0 lead with 10:56 still left in the first quarter.

McKenzie received the ensuing kickoff and stunned the Rebels by marching 65 yards in 10 plays to take the lead. The Tiger touchdown came on a 2-yard run, while the Tigers also converted the two-point conversion, to take an 8-7 lead with 5:20 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Rebels were down, but not for long, as they took the ensuing kickoff and needed only 3 plays to regain the lead for good! The Zion

Chapel touchdown came on a 25-yard pass from Patrick Oglesby to Josh McWaters, and Marcus Taylor added the extra-point, as Zion Chapel went back on top 14-8 with 2:02 still left in a wild first quarter.

Zion Chapel saw a punt return by Josh McWaters for a touchdown in the closing seconds of the quarter nullified by a penalty. However, the Rebels did mount a drive following the penalty, and increased their lead to 17-8 with 11:56 remaining in the second quarter when Marcus Taylor booted a 24-yard field-goal.

The Rebels regained possession midway through the quarter following a Tiger punt, and once again headed toward the endzone. The scoring drive covered 32 yards in five plays, with the touchdown coming on a 13-yard scamper by Adam Blake. Taylor kicked the extra-point, and with 5:15 left in the half Zion Chapel was in command with a 24-8 advantage.

Zion Chapel got the ball right back on a Tiger turnover at the McKenzie 17-yardline, and the Rebels quickly added to their lead, with Adam Blake getting his third touchdown of the half on a 4-yard dash, Marcus Taylor again added

the extra-point, as the Rebels moved ahead 31-8 with 3:07 still left in the half.

McKenzie was down big with very little time left in the half, but the Tigers proved they had come to play as they marched 70 yards in five plays to cut into the Zion Chapel lead, and at halftime went in trailing 31-16.

Zion Chapel kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back on a botched fake punt attempt by McKenzie at the Tiger 18-yardline, and promptly added to its advantage. The Rebel score came on a 3-yard run by Adam Blake, and Marcus Taylor added the extra-point, as Zion Chapel upped its lead to 38-16 early in the third quarter.

The Rebels' Adam Blake pounced on a Tiger fumble at the Zion Chapel 45-yardline late in the third quarter to stop a McKenzie scoring threat, and the Rebels quickly turned the turnover into a touchdown, as Marcus Taylor and Josh McWaters hooked up on a 48-yard touchdown pass. Taylor's extra-point was true, and with 11:18 remaining in the game Zion Chapel was in complete command with a 45-16 lead!

McKenzie marched to the Zion Chapel 8-yardline and the Rebels drove to the Tiger 3-yardline in the action-packed fourth quarter, but neither team was able to push the ball over the goal line, and at the final horn Zion Chapel had the big 45-16 win.

STATISTICS

ZC	M
15	16
37-277	Rushes-Yds. 38-133
102	Passing Yds. 135
379	Total Offense 268
47-70	Fumbles-Lost 10-22-0
0-0	Penalties-Yds. 5-2
0-00	Punts-Ave. 2-14
7-69	Penalties-Yds. 9-60

Players and coaches from Zion Chapel and McKenzie gathered on the field after Friday night's game to share a word of prayer and give thanks for a game free from injury.

State playoffs have interesting first round match-ups

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's state football playoffs kickoff this week with a total of 192 teams in six classifications set to continue their season-long quest toward the "Super Six Championships" to be held at Birmingham's Legion Field.

Following is a list of opening round games with local interest, with all games set for Friday night at 7:00, unless otherwise noted:

CLASS 1A
Verbesa (7-3) at J.F. Shields (8-2)
G.W. Long (6-3) at Linden (8-1), Thursday
Milly (5-5) at Reelfoot (7-3)
A.L. Johnson (6-4) at Arton (5-5), Thursday
Zion Chapel (6-4) at Carrollton (9-1)
Isabella (7-3) at Marengo (8-2), Thursday
Akron (6-4) at Brantley (8-2)
Frisco City (5-5) at Maplesville (7-3)

CLASS 2A
Rainbow (7-3) at Leroy (9-1)
Samson (7-3) at Goshen (9-1)
Excel (6-4) at Clay County (9-1)
Highland Home (7-3) at Geneva County (8-2)
Cottonwood (6-4) at Straughn (9-1)
Randolph County (7-3) at Southern Chocoma (6-1)
Georgiana (6-4) at Houston County (10-0)
Greene County (7-2) at Lineville (8-2)

CLASS 3A
Francis Marion (6-4) at Luverne (6-4)
W.S. Neal (3-7) at Aliceville (10-0), Thursday
Fultondale (6-4) at Washington County (8-2), Thursday
Springville (8-2) at Pike County (6-4)
Flomaton (7-3) at Tarrant (8-2)
CLASS 4A
Holt (4-6) at UMS-Wright (8-2)
Daleville (7-3) at St. James (6-4)
Trinity (8-2) at Dale County (9-1), Thursday

Headland (5-5) at Central, Coosa (9-1)
Dallas County (7-3) at T.R. Miller (8-2)
Beauregard (6-4) at Geneva (9-1)
Thomasville (4-5) at Greensboro (6-4)

CLASS 5A
Charles Henderson (7-2) at Stanhope Elmore (7-3)
Robertsdale (6-4) at Briarwood (9-1)
Eufaula (5-4) at Hillcrest-Evergreen (8-1)
Carroll (3-7) at Benjamin Russell (9-1), Thursday
St. Paul's (6-4) at McAdory (8-2)

CLASS 6A
Pelham (5-5) at Theodore (10-0)
Baldwin County (6-4) at Central, Phenix City (7-2)
McGill-Toolen (7-3) at R.E. Lee (8-2), Thursday
Dothan (4-5) at LeFlore (6-4)
Foley (6-4) at Opelika (9-1)
Prattville (9-1) at Murphy (6-4)
Northview (3-6) at Daphne (10-0)
Alma Bryan (7-3) at Lanier (8-1)



Zion Chapel's Adam Blake (44) heads upfield for a big gain as teammate Patrick Oglesby (1) makes a key block. Blake scored 3 touchdowns in the Rebels' lopsided 45-16 win over McKenzie. The Rebels will travel to Carrollton Friday night in 1A playoff action.

Brantley victory wagon rolls on

Bulldogs torch Tigers 35-13

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs scored four touchdowns on their first four possessions of the night to build up a 28-0 halftime advantage and easily held on to post an impressive 35-13 win over the Luverne Tigers, Friday night in Brantley.

A penalty on the opening kickoff gave the Bulldogs the ball at their own 10-yardline to open the cross-county clash, but it made little difference, as Brantley drove 90 yards in 12 plays to get on the scoreboard. Darrell Owens gained 51 yards on 8 carries, and pulled in a pass for 19 yards to spark the long scoring drive, and also scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run on a toss-sweep. Greg Daniels added the extra-point, and with 6:11 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were ready to roll with a quick 7-0 lead.

Luverne took the ensuing kickoff and drove deep into Brantley territory, only to be turned back on a spectacular one-handed interception by Greg Daniels.

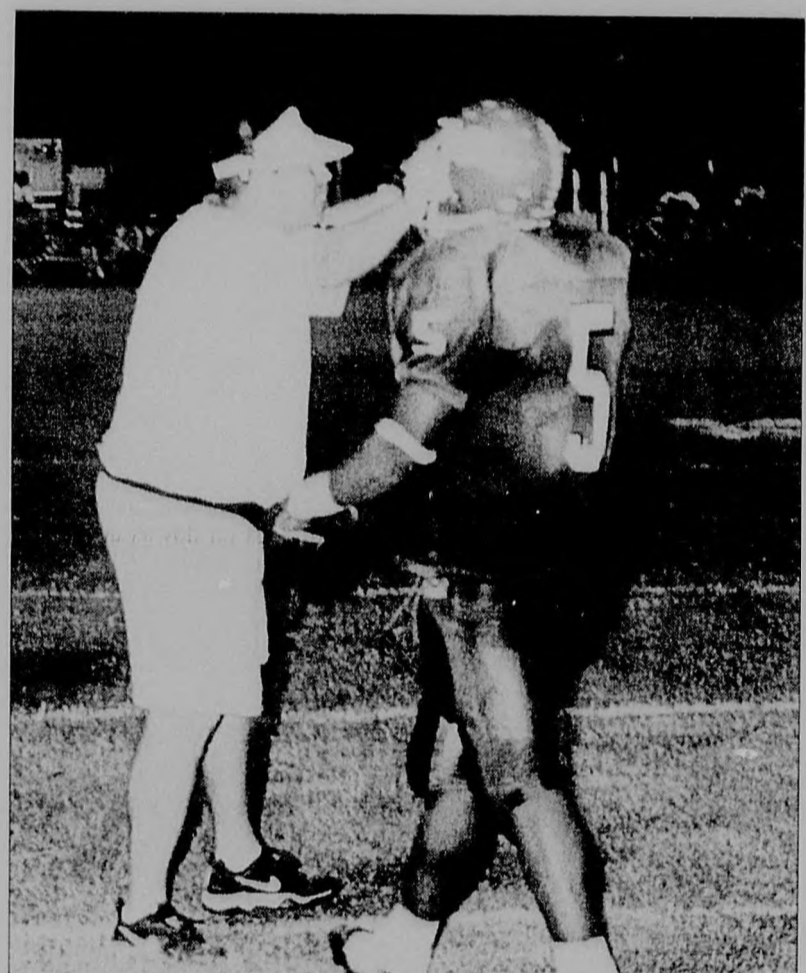
Daniels returned the interception 65 yards to the Luverne 12-yardline, and one play later the Bulldogs were back in the endzone, this time on a 4-yard dash by Darrell Owens. Greg Daniels tacked on the extra-point, as Brantley moved on top 14-0 with :04 remaining in the first quarter.

Luverne took the kickoff and once again drove the length of the field, only to once again be denied by the Bulldog defense. The Tigers drove from their own 20-yardline to the Brantley 1-yardline, but were turned away when on fourth down and goal Justin Moody was stopped short of the goal line.

Brantley didn't stay backed up for long following the defensive stand, as on the second play of the Bulldog possession Darrell Owens went 46 yards into Tiger territory. Moments later, Tyrell Knighten went 5 yards up the middle for another Brantley touchdown, and Greg Daniels put the toe to the extra-point, as Brantley upped its lead to 21-0 with 4:19 remaining in the half.

Brantley's Michael Mitchell intercepted a Tiger pass at the Bulldog 35-yardline on Luverne's next possession, and Brantley again headed toward the endzone, as on the first play after the turnover Andy Johnson connected with Mitchell for a 32-yard gain that carried to the Luverne 35-yardline. Johnson teamed up with J.B. Roberts for a 28-yard pass completion on the next play, and after a penalty against the Tigers, Darrell Owens scored on a 12-yard dash for yet another Brantley touchdown. Greg Daniels added the extra-point, as Brantley's lead was up to 28-0 with 1:45 still left in the first half.

Luverne didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard in the second half, as the Tigers' DiQuane Mitchell broke loose on a 70-yard gain that moved the Tigers to within 10 yards of the Bulldog goal line. Justin Moody capped off the scoring march on the next play on a 1-yard sneak, and after Jeffery



Brantley coach Roland Jones seems satisfied after his Bulldog offense scored in first half action. The Bulldogs scored 28 points in the first half to roll past Luverne 35-13. Also pictured is Darrell Owens (5).

STATISTICS

B	L
17	18
35-247	Rushes-Yds. 36-174
84	Passing Yds. 195
331	Total Offense 369
4-6-1	Passes 16-26-3
11-81	Penalties-Yds. 9-78
139	Return Yds. 70
1-44	Punts-Ave. 0-00

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New Brockton Gamecock seniors were the captains Friday night as the Gamecocks closed out the 2000 high school football season. The captains included Nicky Anderson (88), Nathan Rainey (7), Matt Windham (75) and Rodney Taylor (87). The Gamecocks dropped their season finale to cross-county rival Kinston 21-14, in double-overtime.

Kinston Bulldogs edge past New Brockton 21-14 in double-overtime heart stopper

From combined reports by Clint Cowen and Daniel Roberts

The Kinston Bulldogs appeared to be on life-support late in the fourth quarter and again in the first overtime period Friday night in New Brockton, but survived both Gamecock attacks and then scored the only points in the second overtime as they claimed a heart-stopping 21-14 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, at Gamecock Stadium.

The win left Kinston with a final record of 4-6, while New Brockton closed out its season with an 0-10 slate.

New Brockton got the first break of the game early in the opening quarter when the Gamecocks' Zach Roberts pounced on a Kinston fumble at the Bulldogs' 25-yardline. However, the Kinston defense refused to budge, and dodged the early scoring threat when it regained possession after stopping the Gamecocks on four straight downs.

The Gamecocks got the ball right back at the Kinston 41-yardline following a Bulldog punt, but again came away empty-handed when a pass attempt on a faked field-goal was intercepted by Jim Bedsole.

New Brockton continued to enjoy excellent field-position and put the ball in play at the Kinston 29-yardline following another Bulldog punt, and this time marched

into the endzone to grab the lead! The touchdown came on a 12-yard pass from Joe Sawyer to Randy Danford, and the extra-point try was successful, as the Gamecocks went on top 7-0 with 5:47 left in the half.

New Brockton threatened to add to its lead midway through the third quarter and marched to the Kinston 6-yardline, only to see the Bulldog defense again rise to the challenge and take over on downs after a big defensive stand.

The Gamecocks appeared to have the win wrapped up midway through the fourth quarter after the New Brockton defense stopped the Bulldogs on downs at the Kinston 25-yardline. However, the Gamecocks turned the ball back over to the Bulldogs on downs at the Kinston 22 with 3:19 still left on the clock, and this time the Bulldogs struck paydirt as Cody Sansom connected with a streaking Jim Bedsole across the middle, and Bedsole then raced down the field to complete the 65-yard touchdown pass. The extra-point was true, and with 1:35 remaining in the game Kinston had caught the Gamecocks at 7-7.

New Brockton had another chance to pull out the win in the closing minute after recovering an on-sides kick attempt by Kinston at midfield, but Kinston's Ryan Anderson recovered a Gamecock fumble at the Bulldog 47-yardline



New Brockton freshman running back Tyler Simmons (31) fights for yardage in the Gamecocks' 21-14 loss to Kinston last week, making the stop for the Bulldogs is Tim Whigham (20), as Josh Driggers (44) and Daniel Davis (33) close in to help.

to end the threat, and the game went into overtime with the score deadlocked at 7-7.

Kinston put the ball in play first in the first overtime period and wasted no time regaining the lead, as on the first play Tyler Simmons scored on a 10-yard dash. Nicky Anderson's extra-point was true, and New Brockton was back on top 14-7.

Kinston was able to move the ball near the Gamecock goal line after three plays, and then scored when on fourth down Jammie Lunsford bulled over from a yard out. The Bulldogs converted the extra-point, and after four quarters and one overtime period the score was still tied at 14-14.

Kinston put the ball in play first in the second extra period, and like the Gamecocks had done earlier, scored on its very first play. The Kinston touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Cody Sansom to Tim Whigham, and the extra-point was successful, as the Bulldogs took the lead for the first time in the game at 21-14.

New Brockton's offense took the field determined to score, but the Kinston defense was determined to get the game over, and did just that as the Bulldogs turned back the Gamecocks and celebrated the 21-14 win.

Todd Mock gained 77 yards on 17 carries to lead the Kinston running game, while Josh Driggers added 24 yards on 7 carries, and Jammie Lunsford gained 18 yards on 5 carries. The Bulldog passing attack was sparked by Jim Bedsole with 2 catches for 90 yards and 1 score. The Kinston defense was led by Bryan Ellis with 7 tackles and 1 sack, while Todd Mock had 6 stops and 1 sack, and Tim Whigham and Will Mack both had 4 tackles.

The New Brockton ground game was led by Randy Danford with 86 yards on 13 carries, while Tyler Simmons added 79 yards on 27 carries. Danford was also the Gamecocks' leading receiver with 2 catches for 22 yards. The Gamecock defense was led by Demetrius Foster with 7 tackles, while Nicky Anderson had 4 tackles, 1 sack and 3 deflected passes, and Jeremy Mack had 6 stops and 1 sack.

STATISTICS

K	NB
7	8
97	Rushing Yds. 165
138	Passing Yds. 30
235	Total Offense 195
4-10-2	Passes 6-11-1
40	Fumbles-Lost 2/1
8-60	Penalties-Yds. 2-20

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of *The Elba Clipper* an improper identification was made concerning a football picture in the New Brockton-Samson football game. The correct player closing in to make a tackle was Matt Downing (55), not Daniel Hernandez, as stated. Our apologies go out to anyone offended by this inadvertent mistake.



Kinston's Todd Mock (11) lowers his head as he runs into a host of New Brockton defenders. Closing in for the stop are Gamecocks' Randy Danford (34), Tyler Simmons (31), Demetrius Foster (78) and Nicky Anderson (88). The Bulldogs edged past New Brockton 21-14 in double-overtime to close out the season with a 4-6 record.

Kawasaki recalls 47,000 ATV's to correct problems



WASHINGTON, D.C. — In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kawasaki Motors Corp. U.S.A., of Irvine, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 47,000 all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Under certain conditions, the drive belts on these ATVs can break, and pieces of the belt can lock up the transmission, including the wheels, causing the vehicle to stop suddenly. This can cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle, crash, or be ejected off the vehicle, resulting in injury or death.

Kawasaki has received reports of 12 riders suffering injuries as a result of drive belts breaking and their vehicle suddenly stopping.

The following 4-wheel drive Prairie AT 1997-1999 models are included in this recall: KVF 300-A1, KVF 400-A1, KVF 400-A2L, KVF 400-C1, "Kawasaki Prairie" is written on both sides of the ATVs, and "4X4" is printed on the rear of the seat.

Kawasaki dealers nationwide sold these ATVs from September 1996 through August 2000 for between \$5,300 and \$6,200.

Consumers with the recalled ATVs should stop using them immediately, and call their Kawasaki dealer to schedule a free belt inspection. Original equipment belts will be replaced with a new generation belt free of charge. Also, an addendum to the owner's manual and a warning label about maintaining the drive belt will be provided. Registered owners of the vehicles will be notified directly by Kawasaki about the recall. For more information, contact Kawasaki at (866) 802-9381 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

The 2000-2001 model Prairie ATVs came equipped with the new generation belt, but are included in the recall to provide owners an addendum to the owner's manual and a warning label. These include the following models: KVF 300-A2, KVF 300-A3, KVF 400-C2, KVF 400-C3.

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Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist
Choose The Right Scope

Sporting goods stores and gun shops are experiencing the preseason rush as Alabama deer hunters purchase new equipment for the coming deer season. One item that has become standard equipment to Southern hunters is the rifle scope.

Technological advancement in sighting equipment has advanced at a rapid rate over the last 50 years. It was not that many years ago that windage and elevation adjustments on a rifle were made with a file and hammer. Today's scopes are capable of changing bullet impact as little as a fraction of an inch by simply turning a knob. When riflescopes first began to get popular, and some still think that way, many wanted the highest power scopes they could obtain. But just as in a lot of other things, big is not always better. The power of a scope is expressed in the number of times an object is magnified as compared to viewing it with the naked eye. A 4X means an object is magnified 4 times, a 6X six times and so on. Another way of explaining scope power would be to imagine an object viewed with a 4-power scope at 100 yards as being the same view as the object viewed at 25 yards with the naked eye.

There will always be debates over which scope is best, the fixed power or the variable power scopes. Fixed power scopes in 4X or 6X will be adequate for most hunting conditions in the U.S. unless you are going on a groundhog or rock chuck safari. Then, you may want a scope that can crank the power up to 18X or more. One of the best scopes for overall use is a variable with a low end of 3X going to a high end of 9X or 10X. Modern variables are well made and are not near as fragile as the early models.

One of the main points to consider when purchasing a scope is its ability to transmit light. Most big game hunting, and even squirrel hunting for that matter, is at its prime during early morning and late evening. Scopes with a 32 mm objective lens is about minimum for early and late hunting, and many seasoned hunters and target shooters prefer 40mm to 50mm. Other things to consider when purchasing a scope are: Eye relief, the distance between the eye and the scope is important, especially in the harder recoiling calibers. I have a friend who stubbornly keeps getting smacked above the eye by his less than adequate eye relief scope. An eye relief of about 3 inches is acceptable for most shooters. Good resolution-which enables a scope to show fine details, and good contrast-which differentiates target tones are also desirable characteristics in a rifle scope.

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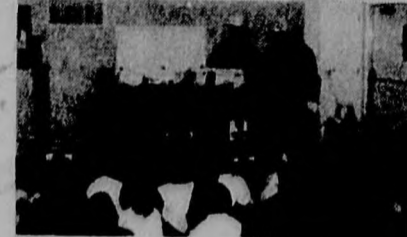
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C R (CHARLES) KENNETT is shown standing in front of the Iwo Jima memorial during a return visit there in March of 1999. Kennett fought the battle of Iwo in 1945 as a young Marine Corporal, leading a machine gun squad, with the Marine 5th Division. He received a shell concussion in the back, but continued to fight for the next 21 days, bandaged from the hip bone to his armpits, until finally he was evacuated to a hospital ship. Kennett said he visited to the exact spot where his crew landed and had trouble just walking back up the hill in the jet black sand, with grains which reminded him of BB's. He also visited a hill on the island of Iwo where frightened Japanese women and children jumped to their death out of installed fear of what they had been told the invading Americans would do to them.



THE REMAINS of one of the infamous thick reinforced concrete pillboxes the WWII Japanese soldiers had constructed on Iwo Jima as part of their fierce defense of the small island, successfully invaded by U. S. troops in February of 1945, but at a high cost of human lives.

"SAYING GOODBYE TO IWO JIMA"

Written by Steve Thompson, St. Charles, Ill., who recently accompanied a group of WWII veterans back to the South Pacific for a reunion of survivors from one of the hardest fought, deadliest battles of the war... Iwo Jima. He notes that some of his facts and figures cited come from the book "Flags of Our Fathers," by James Bradley, the son of one of the flag raisers on Iwo.

As our plane circled the island of Iwo Jima in preparation for landing, only an occasional whisper broke the silence among the passengers. Many huddled around windows to glimpse at what lay below, while others stared straight ahead or simply closed their eyes, perhaps trying to recollect their thoughts and visions from 55 years earlier. Playing quietly in the background was the music of Glenn Miller bringing back memories from the WWII years of 1945.

1945... "almost" the end of the war. However, for many of these old warriors on the plane, the war had just begun for them on February 19th of '45. Most were just 18-20 years of age on that day when

they crashed through the waves and surf of Green, Red, Yellow and Blue Beach and fought through the black volcanic sand of "Iwo," and through a barrage of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. They were part of 70,000 Marines of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine divisions who spearheaded this invasion along with Army, Navy, and Army Air Corps personnel who fought beside them or provided support, and now they were coming back for a reunion... for the last time... and to "say goodbye to Iwo Jima."

I had been able to join this group through my contacts as a war historian - my avocation and hobby. The two of today is not a lot different from what it was in 1945. It was given back to the Japanese government. Only a small defense force which maintains one airstrip inhabits the island. I do not believe anyone lives there on a permanent basis and I cannot imagine that anyone would want to.

As you explore this barren and windswept island of death, and the caves and tunnels, there is an eerie and ominous feeling of despair and loneliness. A total of 100,000 (American) men savagely fought over this 8 square miles of volcanic rock for 36 days, and 27,000 of them died. You cannot take a step without knowing that someone fell either dead, wounded or laid in fear on that spot. Also, beneath the feet of the Marines were 16 miles of tunnels and 1500 caverns, which to this day still entomb thousands of the fanatical Japanese defenders. Many of those that did not die in combat committed suicide. The Marines who laid in their fox holes on Mt. Suribachi at night could hear the sickening sound of exploding grenades beneath them as the Japanese blew themselves up.

One of the best friends I made on the trip was 73 year old Bill from Rhode Island. He had joined the Marines at 17, and had already fought the battles of Saipan and Tinian when he hit the beach at Iwo with the 4th Marine Division. Just three days into the battle one of the grotesque ironies of war tore his body apart. Bill's battalion was accidentally strafed by one of our own Marine Corsair Fighters and 21 of his buddies around him were killed. Bill caught four 50 caliber slugs in his back. He remembers little about it, but related that it took 8 hours to get him off Iwo, with at least one Navy corpsman being killed by sniper fire as he tried to move Bill to safety. He told me that he was 5' 10" tall when he joined the Marines, but just 5' 5" when he left after all the surgery and reconstruction. He paid a severe price... but at least lived to retrace his fateful steps 55 years later.

An emotional ceremony was held on the invasion beach while we were at Iwo. Japanese defenders who had survived the battle and many family members of those who died, sat side by side with the American veterans from our trip. Military and civilian dignitaries from both sides spoke. The tears shed on the beach that day were not those of the pain and suffering of 55 years ago, but rather of the sadness of loss and aching that has lingered in the hearts of all to this day. A dramatic moment occurred when a Marine Corps vet presented the Japanese representative with a small religious statue he had removed from the clenched fist of a

Each island battle was fought in almost exactly the same way, as best described by Lt. General Holland Smith, USMC, when he said in regard to Saipan... "A campaign in which men crawled, clubbed, shot, burned and bayoneted each other to death." There are no preps, words to describe war.

As we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th, remember the patriotism, heroism, and sacrifice of those Americans who fought on Iwo Jima. They symbolize the bravery of all the men and women who have fought in all the battles in all the wars that have given us the freedom we enjoy today.

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EMPLOYEES BEING ASK TO MAKE SACRIFICE

Dorsey Trailers in financial strain

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailer employees officially heard last week that many of the rumors circulating in the plant and on the streets of Elba were true. The company is in a financial strain and without a miracle and/or financial sacrifice by employees, the trailer manufacturing firm would be forced to close its doors.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, company CEO John Pugh, was in Elba discussing the situation with employees and with union officials.

A news release issued Wednesday afternoon described the actions as the initial phase of its restructuring plan after engaging a crisis management and turnaround firm to help the company develop a plan of survival. This at a time when the trailer industry is in the midst of a "softening" market, as industry cuts back on investing in new rolling stock.

Pugh said the Recovery Group and management have spent an intense two weeks, reviewing Dorsey's status. "We have concluded that staffing cuts in management, salaried employees and administrative employees will be implemented immediately." These cuts will affect approximately 50% of this employee grouping.

The CEO said, "I feel very strongly that the pain should be felt at the top first." Mr. Pugh spoke to *The Elba Clipper*.

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On Thursday morning and the information in the news release and explained what was being told to hourly employees in a series of group meetings over the three day period.

The announcement also said there would be reductions in the hourly work force, as well as retooling the union contract. The number of layoffs will be dictated by the backlog of orders and production levels in the manufacturing plant.

Senior management changes announced by Pugh included the resignations of both Ms. Lorri Pakko, President and COO since 1997, and Chief Financial Officer Allen Cain. The duties of Pakko and Cain will be assumed by Keith Longman, VP-Manufacturing; Ms. Allyson Turnbull, Corporate Con-

troller; and Ms. Laura Roan, VP-Sales as well as Pugh.

The Atlanta corporate office will become primarily a national sales office with limited administrative and finance functions. All other corporate functions will be handled from the manufacturing plants.

Pugh explained in an interview locally on Thursday morning.

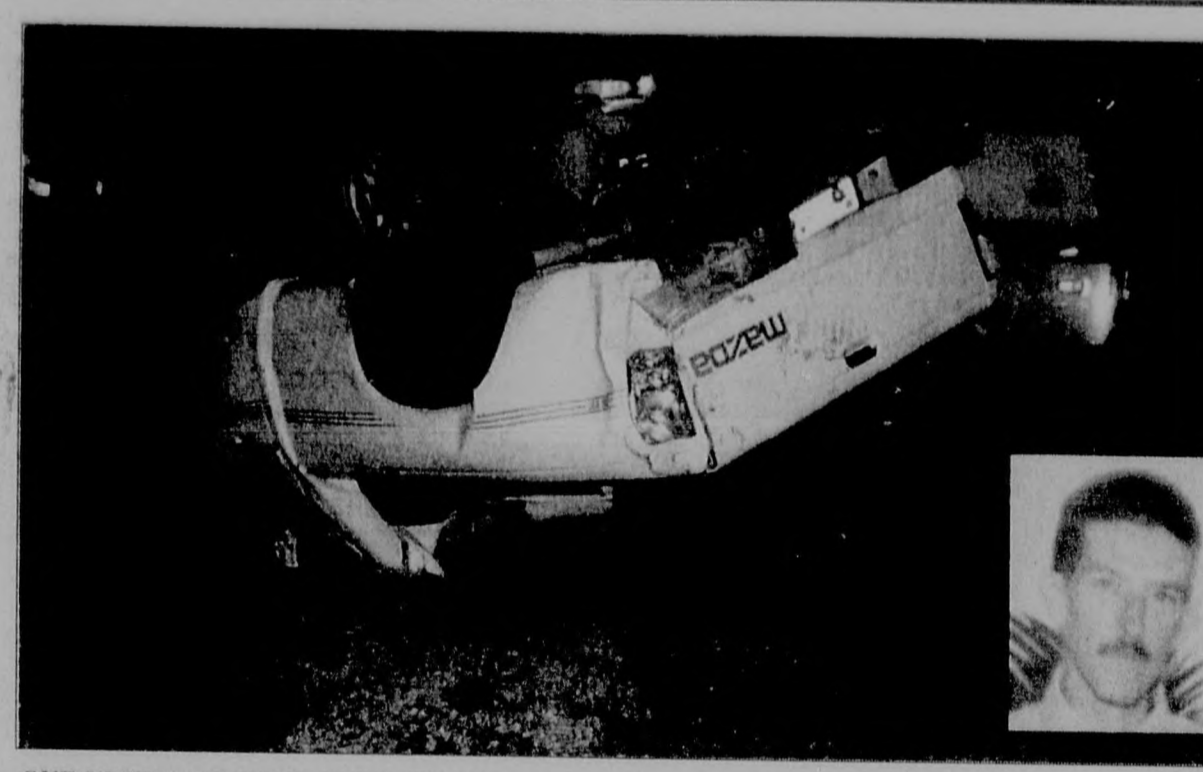
In a prepared letter addressed to all Elba employees and their families, Pugh and Longman were open and blunt about the current status of the company's financial situation.

"Simply put, we are overdrawn at the bank. The only hope of survival is to try and restructure the company financially so that we can show the people who finance the operation that we can succeed by surviving this difficult period, we can get back on our feet and eventually make money again the way we have in years past."

Pugh explained that they were asking union members and other hourly employees to take cuts in their pay package, but with appropriate "payback" language in the agreement to restore the pay and benefits to current levels - and more if Dorsey survives. Pugh offered to meet regularly with union officials to review the situation.

The letter also read, "We understand that pay cuts at any time of

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ONE-VEHICLE WRECK FATAL TO ONE...Coffee County man, Gregory Kendall Crook, 38, of the Victoria Community was fatally injured last Thursday evening when the small pickup truck he was driving left the road, overturned several times, throwing him out of the vehicle. The tragic crash occurred on Taylor Mill Road (Co. Rd. 364) in the Saddle Hill Community. The Elba Police Department were notified of the accident shortly after 6 p.m. at which time patrol units and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene arriving within minutes of the call. Crook was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin Short. Crook's body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science's lab in Dothan where an autopsy was performed to determine the cause of death. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. They were assisted at the scene by Elba police officers.

Coffee County Commission sworn in

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The first order of business in Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission was the election of its members. There will be one new face joining the returning commissioners for this four-year term. Jim Thompson, the Republican nominee, out polled incumbent Len Averett and the Reform candidate Randy Lunsford to represent District 6 on the commission.

Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis, Robert Stephens, Doug Dalrymple, Bernest Brooks and Tom Grimsley, representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 respectively, all were successful in their bid for reelection to the commission.

The oath-of-office was administered to all the commissioners simultaneously by Circuit Judge Robert Barr. One commissioner, Bernest Brooks, was not present Monday for the swearing in ceremony. Reportedly, he was on a

crisis.

A letter "officially" becoming commissioners, the next item on the agenda was to elect a chairman to serve for the next twelve months.

A motion Linda Westbrook made by Commissioner Stephens that the election process of the chairman be changed allowing the commissioners from Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6 to be chairman for the next four years in that order. His reasoning was that this would allow each district representative to serve as chairman of the commission. The commissioners in Districts 2, 3 & 7 (Stephens, Lewis and Grimsley) were omitted because they have previously served as chairman.

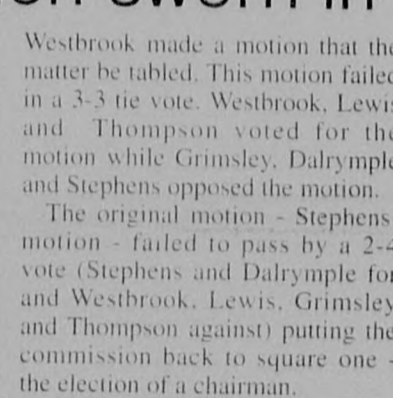
After a brief discussion of Stephens' motion, Commissioner Westbrook made a motion that the matter be tabled. This motion failed in a 3-3 tie vote. Westbrook, Lewis and Thompson voted for the motion while Grimsley, Dalrymple and Stephens opposed the motion.

The original motion - Stephens' motion - failed to pass by a 2-4 vote (Stephens and Dalrymple for and Westbrook, Lewis, Grimsley and Thompson against) putting the commission back to square one - the election of a chairman.

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Elba Council votes to change insurance carriers and get lower coverage rates

The Elba City Council made three board appointments, closed part of a street and changed insurance carriers. They also agreed to accept the second bidder on a house sale after the high bidder withdrew.

Drayton Avenue, in front of the Elba General Hospital, will be closed permanently, following a unanimous vote by the Elba City Council. The hospital owns all but two parcels of the adjoining property.

The council heard insurance agent Ronnie Young explain that the insurance carrier who is presently serving the City of Elba has had its rating downgraded and if additional problems occur could become unable to fulfill their obligations with the City. Young recommended that Elba change to AMIC, a mutual company owned by the municipalities of Alabama. Elba has been part owner of this company since it began some 15 years ago but stopped using them for coverage after cost got prohibitive.

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Cutts pleads guilty to double murder

by Marvin McLain, Editor

On Wednesday of last week (Nov. 8), an Enterprise man entered a plea of guilty in the double murder of his father, Russell Cutts Sr., and his stepmother, Leighanne Manning Cutts.

Russell William Cutts Jr., 20, was scheduled to go to trial on Monday, Dec. 4, in the Enterprise Division of Coffee County, Judge Robert Barr was set to hear the case.

In entering his guilty plea, an agreement was reached between the prosecution and defense that his maximum sentence would be life in prison without the possibility of

parole. The state had originally planned to seek the death penalty. A mini-trial before a jury of Cutts' peers was held Monday in the Enterprise Courthouse.

Although the accused had pled guilty, this was required as it is a formality in all capital murder cases. In entering his voluntary guilty plea, Cutts waived his right to a full trial.

At the time Cutts formally entered his guilty plea, Judge Barr asked the him several times if he understood his plea and if he was entering his plea voluntarily. Cutts replied in the affirmative.

Cutts' attorneys, Paul Young along with Debbie and Mike Jared, all stated that they had discussed all his options with him many times, and he told them that this is what he felt he needed to do.

After hearing testimony from one state witness, it took the jury composed of three women and nine men less than thirty minutes to return a guilty verdict in the double murder.

Judge Barr sentenced Cutts to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Earlier this year, in January, Jere-

NEWS BRIEF

Drug arrests continue on those individuals indicted by a recent Coffee County grand jury. Arrested last week was Rob Stinson, 28-year-old B/M, 709 Roosevelt Drive, Elba - four charges of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (crack). He was released on bonds totaling \$60,000.00.

Area Happenings

STATE FOOTBALL PLAY-OFFS. The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to keep their state championship hopes alive Friday night when they host the Maplesville Red Devils in a match-up of two of the state's winningest small school football programs. Kick-off is at 7:00 p.m.

ELBA'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Elba's Annual Christmas Festival and Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having a unit in the parade is urged to contact Jimmy Harrison at the Briar Patch (897-8591), or evenings at 897-2055. Parade categories include: float; decorated vehicle; walking/marching unit; equestrian unit. Each category will be judged and ribbons awarded to the top three units in each category. Deadline to enter the parade is Nov. 20.

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE. The City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be standby crews for emergencies with water, electric, street or sewer. To report any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be as follows: Monday - as usual; Tuesday - Tuesday's and Thursday's route will be picked up on this day; Wednesday - as usual; Friday - as usual.